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POPULATION STABILIZATION FUND
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently decided to initiate selection process of 500 youths(age group 16-20) from various States of the country especially from the neglected villages of Jharkhand State to participate in the awareness programme on population and health issues and to provide assistance under Population Stabilization Fund;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) the details of works done by the Government and the Non-Governmental Organisations(NGOs) in this regard;

(d) whether the works done by the Government organizations and NGOs for checking the growth in population of the country have been reviewed recently;and

(e) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

[a] & [b]: On the World Population Day (WPD) on July 11,2007,the Jansankhya Sthirata Kosh(JSK) organized a programme for youth and adolescents, in which more than 500 youth of 16-20 age group participated.They came from under developed villages of the eight Empowered Action Group (EAG) states namely Bihar,Chhatisgarh,Jharkhand,Madhya Pradesh,Orissa,Rajasthan,Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The young people were identified by combining GIS mapping and census data,an initiative of JSK whereby every district, taluka and village can be viewed in terms of its population and distance from a Primary Health Centre.72 participants attended from Jharkhand as detailed below:

Name of districts	No. of participants	Name of districts	No. of participants
Ranchi	14	Gumla	11
Chatra	10	West Singhbhum	10
Godda	16	Sahebganj	9
Dumka	02		

The aim was to sensitize the adolescents who comprise a major section of our population on life skills so that they develop communication skills to make informed choices in matters relating to age of marriage and child bearing.This effort has helped in creating awareness regarding the impact of population growth on the health of women and children and the well being of the country.

(c) to (e) Information is given in statement annexed.